

**Illinois Section Overview**  
**2020 Simulated Emergency Test**

Purpose: To have participants in each Illinois County demonstrate their ability to receive and send information between each operator in their county using amateur radio voice and digital modes. Additionally, each Emergency Coordinator (EC) will exchange information with both their District Emergency Coordinator (DEC) and their Section Emergency Coordinator (SEC) through the NC9IL Station, or its alternates.

Mission Scope: Establish a training environment using voice, Winlink packet and ARDOP Peer to Peer that allows all Illinois Amateur Radio operators to operate in place and practice proper net operation and message handling by contacting each other within their County, District, and the State.

**Planning**

**Goal #1      Involve all ARES Leaders, team members, and volunteer hams to demonstrate and prove their ability to communicate with each other.**

- Objective #1    Identify and document those modes and frequencies each county uses for voice and digital messages.
- Objective #2    Draft exercise messages for the exercise. "THIS IS AN EXERCISE" will be included.
- Objective #3    Determine whether an ICS 213 or Radiogram message format will be used.

**Execution**

**Goal #2      Operation period: Saturday, 5/30/2020, 0900 to 1500 hrs.**

- Objective #1    Send a minimum of one morning and one afternoon voice message from each EC to their DEC.
- Objective #2    Send one digital County status report for each morning and afternoon session from each EC to their DEC.

**Goal #3      Each DEC should attempt to forward a morning and afternoon status report to each of the other DEC's using voice or digital methods.**

All traffic will be routed by the Net Control Station (NCS) on 3905 kHz.

**Goal #4      Each DEC send a morning and afternoon summary report to the SEC via the NCS.**

Include in the Report how many counties in the district participated; how many digital messages were received from other Districts; how many Radiograms were received and how many ICS-213's were received.

**Goal #5      Be prepared to handle additional messages as needed (i.e., American Red Cross)**